

What is claimed is:

1. A vehicle body structure of a periphery of a rear suspension, including a rear suspension base member, which
5 receives an input load from the rear suspension, in a wheelhouse inner member and being formed by joining said wheelhouse inner member to a rear quarter inner member, said vehicle body structure comprising:

a coupling member for coupling said rear quarter inner
10 member to an upper surface of said rear suspension base member for reinforcement, said vehicle body structure wherein:

said coupling member is made up of plate members and forms a closed cross sectional structure over the whole
15 gamut thereof in consort with said wheelhouse inner member and said rear quarter inner member.

2. The vehicle body structure according to claim 1, wherein:

said coupling member includes a seat back inner member
20 that is joined to said wheelhouse inner member to support a seat back of a vehicle seat, and forms a closed cross sectional structure using part of the seat back inner member.

3. The vehicle body structure according to claim 1, wherein:

a reinforcing member, in which one of four sides of a cross section thereof is open, extends in a vertical direction of the vehicle body and is joined to said rear quarter inner member; and

30 said coupling member is coupled to said rear quarter inner member so that at least flanges extending in the vertical direction of the vehicle body coincide with edge portions of said reinforcing member, in which one of the

four sides of the cross section is open.

4. A vehicle body structure of a periphery of a rear suspension, including rear suspension base members, which receive an input load from the rear suspension, in
5 respective wheelhouse inner members and being formed by joining said wheelhouse inner members to respective rear quarter inner members, said vehicle body structure comprising:

10 a coupling member extending in a width direction of the vehicle to couple upper surfaces of said rear suspension base members together, which are located on the right and the left in pairs, and couple said rear quarter inner members together, which are located on the right and the left in pairs, said vehicle body structure wherein:
15 said coupling member is made up of plate members and forms a closed cross sectional structure over the whole gamut thereof.

5. The vehicle body structure according to claim 4, wherein:

20 said coupling member includes a seat back inner member that is joined to said wheelhouse inner member to support a seat back of a vehicle seat and forms a closed cross sectional structure using part of said seat back inner member.

25 6. The vehicle body structure according to claim 4, wherein:

said coupling member includes a rear shelf member and forms a closed cross sectional structure using part of said rear shelf member.

30 7. A vehicle body structure of a periphery of a rear suspension, including rear suspension base members, which receive an input load from the rear suspension, in respective wheelhouse inner members and being formed by

joining said wheelhouse inner members to respective rear quarter inner members, said vehicle body structure comprising:

5 a coupling member including a first coupling portion that couples upper surfaces of said rear suspension base members to said rear quarter inner members, a second coupling portion that couples upper surfaces of said rear suspension base members together, which are located on the right and the left in pairs, and a third coupling portion
10 that joins said second coupling portion to couple said rear quarter inner members together, which are located on the right and the left in pairs, the coupling member being integrally formed, said vehicle body structure wherein:

said coupling member is made up of plate members,
15 forms a closed cross sectional structure over the gamut, and has a bulkhead structure in a portion surrounded by said first, second and third coupling portions.

8. The vehicle body structure according to claim 7, wherein:

20 said bulkhead structure is formed by bringing a pair of plate members close to each other, the plate members facing each other in the portion surrounded by said first, second and third coupling portions, and joining the plate members together.

25 9. The vehicle body structure according to claim 7, wherein:

said bulkhead structure is formed by interposing an endless bulkhead member between a pair of plate members so as to partition off said portion, the plate members facing
30 each other in the portion surrounded by said first, second and third coupling portions.